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SUBJECT: MARKOVIC MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY

1. SUMMARY - YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LED BY DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC MET WITH ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS JULY 18 FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE ABSENCE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS IN CURRENT US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. CHRISTOPHER WELCOMED MARKOVIC ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY AND NOTED MARKOVIC'S PRESENT AND PAST POSTS IN GOY. MARKO-VIC THANKED CHRISTOPHER AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE PROGRAM ARRANGED BY THE CONGRESS. CHRISTOPHER AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MARKOVIC PAID HIGH PRAISE TO BOTH AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR HELP IN PREPARATIONS FOR THIS VISIT AND FOR FURTHERING THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF.

3. CHRISTOPHER EXPRESSED HIS GREAT PLEASURE IN THE IMPROVE-MENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE REFERRED TO THE VISITS OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENCY KARDELJ, AND PRESIDENT TITO, AS WELL AS HIS OWN VISIT LAST YEAR, AS CONTRIBUTING TO THE RIPENING OF RELATIONS. HE WAS PARTI-CULARLY PLEASED THAT MARKOVIC HAD COME AS THE REPRESENTATIVE

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OF THE YUGOSLAV LEGISLATIVE BRANCH TO VISIT US CONGRESS-
IONAL LEADERS, AND HE REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

4. MARKOVIC REPLIED THAT THE GOY ASSESSES THE LEVEL OF
RELATIONS WITH THE US VERY HIGHLY. THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS
ARE ONLY A REFLECTION OF THE LEVEL OF RELATIONS ALREADY
ATTAINED, AND AT THE SAME TIME THEY SERVE TO ENHANCE THE
RELATIONSHIP. HE DECLARED THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT OF
PRESIDENTS CARTER AND TITO CONSTITUTES A LONG-TERM BASIS
ON WHICH RELATIONS CAN BE BUILT AND PROMOTED. IN A STATE-
MENT THAT CHARACTERIZED THE TONE OF THIS SEGMENT OF THE
TALKS, HE SAID: "ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY THERE ARE NO OUTSTAND-
ING PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

5. MARKOVIC EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION THAT THE PROBLEMS
OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL EXPORT LICENSE FOR KRSKO AND YUGOSLAV-
EXIM BANK "SUPERGUARANTEES" HAD BEEN RESOLVED. KRSKO
WAS NOT MERELY A SPECIFIC CASE, BUT WAS SIGNIFICANT IN
VIEW OF YUGOSLAVIA'S POSITION IN THE WORLD. MARKOVIC
AGREED THAT LEGISLATIVE TIES ARE USEFUL, ALTHOUGH UP TO
NOW THEY HAD BEEN IN ONE DIRECTION: OVER 100 US CONGRESS-
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MEN AND SENATORS HAVE VISITED YUGOSLAVIA, WHILE THE YUGO-
SLAVS HAD BEEN GENERALLY PASSIVE PRIOR TO THIS VISIT.

6. CHRISTOPHER NOTED THAT THE KRSKO AGREEMENT IS IMPORT-
ANT BOTH IN SUBSTANCE AND AS A SYMBOL; IT OPENS THE DOOR
TO INCREASING COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. WHILE
THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT BODY,
IT IS OUR HOPE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO YUGOSLAVIA RESOURCES
IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THE EXIM AGREEMENT HAS SIMILAR
SIGNIFICANCE, AND WE NOW MUST MAKE USE OF THE NEW AUTHORITY
TO ENHANCE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES.

7. CHRISTOPHER RAISED THE TOPIC OF TERRORISM AS A SUBJECT
THAT HAS CAUSED SOME CONCERN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. WHILE HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A REDUCTION
IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DIRECTED AGAINST YUGOSLAV MIS-
SIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, HE STRESSED THAT WE ARE NOT
COMPLACENT AND PLEDGED THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TO
REDUCE SUCH INCIDENTS. HE NOTED THE GROWING REALIZATION
AMONG COUNTRIES OF THE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT
TERRORISM, WHICH KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. HE WAS PLEASED THAT
THE GOY HAD DETAINED FOUR WEST GERMAN TERRORISTS RECENTLY
AND HOPED THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THEM LAW-
FULLY BUT FIRMLY.

8. MARKOVIC AGREED WITH CHRISTOPHER ON THE NEED TO COMBAT
TERRORISM. HE NOTED THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS SIGNED ALL INTER-

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NATIONAL DOCUMENTS TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND IS PREPARED TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANY INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO DO SO. BUT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE DOUBLE STANDARD THAT SOME ATTACKS MAY BE CHARACTERIZED AS POLITICAL, WHILE OTHERS ARE CONSIDERED TERRORISM. IF USTASHI WHO KILL AND ATTACK YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS ARE NOT APPREHENDED, YUGOSLAVIA COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A SITUATION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOY IS NOT NEGOTIATING WITH THE FRG FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS,
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BUT THE GOY CANNOT ACCEPT THE FAILURE TO TREAT HOSTILE ACTIVITIES IN THE FRG AS TERRORISM. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE US POSITION TOWARD TERRORISM HAS CHANGED, AS DEMONSTRATED BY RECENT CONVICTIONS. YUGOSLAV SECURITY FORCES HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT SHOWN BY US SECURITY FORCES, ESPECIALLY DURING HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. HE NOTED THAT OF OVER 1.5 MILLION AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN, MOST ARE LOYAL TO THE US AND FRIENDLY TO YUGOSLAVIA. HOWEVER, THE HOSTILE MINORITY IS OFTEN MORE VOCAL. THE GOY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE PROVISION ON TERRORISM IN THE PRESIDENTS' JOINT STATEMENT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT, AS TERRORISM IS THE ONLY BLOT ON US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TERRORISM IS TERRORISM -- IT IS NOT LEFT OR RIGHT, JUSTIFIED OR UNJUSTIFIED. IT IS AN EVIL THAT MUST BE COMBATTED ON A GLOBAL PLANE. THE GOY SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMBAT IT.

9. CHRISTOPHER NOTED THAT THE USG SHARES THIS CONCERN. THERE IS A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS WHICH WE DEPLORE. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO AVOID THE USE OF TERRORISM IN COMBATTING TERRORISM. WHILE CONSTITUTIONALLY-MANDATED PROCESSES IN THE US ARE SOMETIMES SLOW, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY OUR COMMITMENT TO COMBAT TERRORISM. MARKOVIC EXPRESSED HIS THANKS IN ADVANCE.

10. CHRISTOPHER NOTED THAT AN UNDERLYING FACTOR WHICH HAS PRODUCED IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS HAS BEEN THE USG'S NEW RESPECT FOR THE NONALIGNED STATUS OF YUGOSLAVIA. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT AND DOES NOT EXPECT YUGOSLAVIA TO CHOOSE SIDES. THIS HAS BEEN THE UNDERLYING BASIS FOR BETTER US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS. HE STATED "LIGHTLY BUT SERIOUSLY" THAT WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOY CASES IN WHICH
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WE THINK IT DEPARTS FROM ITS NONALIGNED STATUS. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD BE DONE IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP.

11. MARKOVIC RESPONDED THAT WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITH

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OUR DIFFERENCES AND COOPERATE IN SPITE OF THEM. THE US IS A BIG POWER, WHILE YUGOSLAVIA IS A SMALL POWER IN EUROPE IN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC POSITION. THE GOY CANNOT ALWAYS BE RIGHT, BUT ONLY THROUGH RESPECT FOR DIFFERENT POSITIONS

CAN PROGRESS BE ACHIEVED. YUGOSLAVIA IS FACED WITH A POWERFUL NEIGHBOR WITH WHOM IT HAS CERTAIN HISTORICAL TIES -- THE USSR. RELATIONS ARE RELATIVELY GOOD, BUT THERE ARE NUMEROUS DIFFERENCES, BOTH ON INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS (E.G., NONALIGNMENT). BUT MARKOVIC FEELS THAT THE SOVIETS ACCEPT THE YUGOSLAVS AS THEY ARE. CHRISTOPHER EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND TURNED OVER THE CHAIR TO COUNSELOR NIMETZ.

12. MARSHALL SHULMAN SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE ENTERING A NEW PERIOD IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS, IN TERMS OF BOTH SHORT-TERM EFFECTS AND SETTING A BASE FOR THE LONG-TERM. THE US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE EXAMINED WITH REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL SOVIET CONTEXT, THE INTERNAL US CONTEXT, AND THE TERRAIN OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN WHICH BOTH OPERATE. SHULMAN PROPOSED TO EXAMINE FOUR AREAS OF SOVIET AFFAIRS. FIRST, HE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IMPENDING GENERATIONAL SHIFT IN THE SOVIET HIERARCHY AND ALL OTHER PYRAMIDS OF POWER IN THE SYSTEM. THE DEATH OF KULAKOV WILL OPEN THE WAY TO A PERIOD OF FLUIDITY AND PROSPECTS FOR A TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP SITUATION. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GUESS ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF THE GENERATION MAKING ITS WAY UP THE SOVIET HIERARCHY, AND IT IS DANGEROUS TO MAKE PROJECTIONS BASED ON HOPES RATHER THAN ON EVIDENCE, WHICH IS VERY LIMITED. SHULMAN EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN OBSERVATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV CONFIDENTIAL

DELEGATION ON THE CHARACTER OF THE ASCENDANT GENERATION.

13. SECOND, SHULMAN EXAMINED THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY, AN AREA OF PREOCCUPATION OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP. HE REFERRED TO INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE REQUIREMENTS OF ADVANCING INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE EXISTING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. HE ASKED FOR THE YUGOSLAV JUDGMENT ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF A FUTURE PERIOD OF PREOCCUPATION WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND OF POLITICAL MEASURES OF DECENTRALIZATION, PERHAPS DRAWING ON THE YUGOSLAV MODEL, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE ANOMALIES IN THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.

14. THIRD, PARTLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THERE IS A SOVIET SENSITIVITY ABOUT EASTERN EUROPE. SUCH PROBLEMS MAY HAVE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES, ESPECIALLY IN POLAND AND PERHAPS THE GDR. IT MAY CREATE A TURBULENCE WHICH COULD BECOME A CAUSE FOR CONCERN. AGAIN, HE ASKED

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FOR THE YUGOSLAV JUDGMENT, POINTING OUT THAT THE PROBLEM IS CLOSE TO THE YUGOSLAV DOORSTEP.

15. FOURTH, SHULMAN MENTIONED THE MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF

SOVIET LEADERS WITH RELATIONS WITH CHINA, NOT ONLY THEIR IMMEDIATE APPREHENSIONS, BUT ALSO THEIR LONG-TERM CONCERN. SHULMAN FORESEES CONTINUED DETERIORATION IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. SHULMAN CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET SITUATION IS PARADOXICAL -- A MIXTURE OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.

16. BOGDAN CRNOBRNJA ASKED FOR SHULMAN'S VIEWS ABOUT THE NEW STAGE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS. SHULMAN REPLIED THAT THE HISTORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY PENDULAR SWINGS. WE SEEM TO BE EMERGING FROM ONE SWING NOW. CONFIDENTIAL

THE DETENTE (A TERM OF IMPRECISION) OF THE 1970'S FOSTERED TOO HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED; THERE WAS A BLURRING OF THE COMPETITIVE ASPECT OF THE RELATIONSHIP. WE NOW APPEAR TO BE MOVING IN POPULAR EMOTIONAL TERMS TOWARD ANOTHER SWING OF THE PENDULUM, SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH OCCURRED AFTER WORLD WAR II: A SWING FROM A SITUATION MINIMIZING TENSIONS TO AN EMPHASIS ON DIFFERENCES. POINTS OF DIFFERENCE HAVE BECOME MORE ABSOLUTE AND SHARPLY DEFINED. THERE IS EMERGING A MORE LIMITED PERCEPTION OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND EXPECTATIONS HAVE BECOME MORE LIMITED AND MODEST. THERE IS A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE DUAL ASPECT OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS: BOTH COOPERATIVE AND COMPETITIVE. THIS IS PARTLY THE RESULT OF INTERNAL FACTORS IN THE SOVIET UNION, (E.G., POLICE ACTION AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS) AND PARTLY THE RESULT OF EXTERNAL FACTORS, SUCH AS AFRICA, WHICH HAS ENTERED A STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH THERE ARE FLUID SITUATIONS TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS NOW REACTING. IT IS ALSO PARTLY DUE TO THE PENDULAR SWING IN THE US. IN THIS PERIOD OF MORE LIMITED EXPECTATIONS, WITH THE IMPENDING GENERATIONAL SHIFT IN THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE SOVIET LEADERS THAT THE DOOR TO A RESPONSIBLE COURSE OF RESTRAINT REMAINS OPEN.

17. MARKOVIC THANKED SHULMAN FOR HIS VERY REALISTIC APPRAISAL WHICH WOULD HELP THE YUGOSLAVS TO HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IN THE USSR. WHILE HE DISCLAIMED ANY STATUS AS AN EXPERT ON THE SOVIET UNION, HE SAID THAT THE GENERATIONAL SHIFT, LIKE EVERYTHING IN THE USSR, IS A VERY SLOW PROCESS. THERE IS GENERAL SLOWNESS IN SOCIAL PROCESSES. HOWEVER, CERTAIN SOCIAL PROCESSES ARE TAKING PLACE; LOGICALLY, THEY MUST TAKE PLACE. MARKOVIC AGREED WITH SHULMAN THAT THERE IS A CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE NEED FOR A MORE EFFICIENT, PRODUCTIVE ECONOMY AND A SYSTEM WHICH IS AN OBSTACLE TO SUCH AN ECONOMY. HE NOTED THAT TEN YEARS AGO THERE HAD BEEN SERIOUS DEMANDS FOR

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REFORM OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM. CERTAIN STEPS HAD BEEN
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TAKEN; THEN UERE WITHDRAWN. TODAY, ALTHOUGH MODESTLY, WE
HEAR TALK IN FAVOR OF MATERIAL INCENTIVES. EVEN OTHER

COUNTRIES,(WITHOUT NAMING THEM, AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO
OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES), ARE CARRYING OUT CHANGES
WITHOUT PUBLICITY BECAUSE NECESSITY FORCES THEM TO DO SO.
THE USSR IS A LARGE COUNTRY WITH A CENTRALIZED, STRONG
STATE AND BUREAUCRATIC APPARATUS WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR
OVER FIFTY YEARS. TO TRANSCEND THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT,
DUE TO RESISTANCE NOT ONLY AT HIGH LEVELS BUT ALSO IN THE
APPARATUS ITSELF. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CON-
TRADICTION BETWEEN DEMANDS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE SYSTEM
TO CONTINUE FOR LONG.

18. MARKOVIC NOTED THAT EVERYTHING IN THE INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS' MOVEMENT HAS AN EFFECT ON THE USSR. REGARDLESS
OF THE INFLUENCE THE USSR MIGHT HAVE ON THE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, THE TENDENCIES TOWARD CHANGE
WILL HAVE TO GROW AT A FASTER PACE, THUS ENCOURAGING THE
TREND IN THE USSR ITSELF. CHINA IS ANOTHER FACTOR INFLU-
ENCING THESE PROCESSES IN THE SOVIET UNION, DUE TO MAJOR
SOCIAL CHANGES IN THE PRC TODAY. THE SOVIET ATTITUDE
TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA HAS CHANGED OVER TIME, WHILE THE YUGOSLAV
ATTITUDE HAS NOT. YUGOSLAVIA IS DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH
THE PRC AND ATTACHES SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE RELATIONS, BUT
IT WILL NEVER ALLOW THEM TO DEVELOP ON A BASIS OF ANTI-
SOVIETISM, WHICH WOULD NOT BENEFIT THE USSR, YUGOSLAVIA,
CHINA, OR THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

19. MARKOVIC STATED THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS
ESSENTIAL. HOWEVER, NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD CAN SAY THAT
IT HAS COMPLETELY SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE
AGREED THAT MANY PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE HAVE ACCUMULATED
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IN THE USSR TODAY, BUT DOES NOT THINK THAT THE CASES OF
FOUR OR FIVE DISSIDENTS ARE THE PROPER BATTLEFIELD FOR THE
HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE. THERE ARE MANY GENUINE PROBLEMS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, SUCH AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. BUT THIS (AN
APPARENT REFERENCE TO US REPRESENTATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE USSR) HAS TO BE INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WILL SLOW DOWN PROGRESS (ON HUMAN
RIGHTS).

20. VUKASIN MICUNOVIC COMMENTED ON SHULMAN'S REMARKS. HE
AGREED THAT THERE ARE CONTRADICTIONS IN THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM. THE SOVIETS ARE BECOMING AWARE OF

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IT. THEY WILL HAVE TO RE-EXAMINE THEIR BASIC STRATEGIES OF EFFECTIVENESS IN MORE AREAS; E.G., MATERIAL INCENTIVES FOR WORKERS. JUDGING BY THE WRITINGS OF SOME SOVIET THEORETICIANS, THERE IS A TENDENCY TO SEEK NEW SOLUTIONS. THIS IS EVIDENT WHEN EXAMINING DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE RATHER THAN POLITICAL QUESTIONS. AGGRAVATED RELATIONS WITH THE US ARE AN INHIBITING FACTOR IN THIS DEVELOPMENT.

A RESTORATION OF RELATIONS TO WHAT THEY WERE AFTER WORLD WAR II WOULD ONLY HAMPER THE SEARCH FOR NEW SOLUTIONS. MICUNOVIC VIEWS FOREIGN PROPAGANDA ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION. WE CANNOT EFFECT PROGRESS IN THE USSR IF WE CONCENTRATE ON THE CASES OF A FEW DISSIDENTS. VIEWED OPTIMISTICALLY, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS A WHOLE HELPS MANY COUNTRIES TO FOCUS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION. MICUNOVIC CAUTIONED THAT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT SPECTACULAR CHANGES, FOR THE GENERATIONAL PROBLEM WILL ALWAYS BE THERE. AS ALWAYS, SOVIETS WILL PROBABLY SOLVE IT IN THEIR OWN WAY. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SEE THAT TENSION BETWEEN THE MAJOR POWERS IS REDUCED AND THAT THERE IS PROGRESS IN AREAS SUCH AS DIS-ARMAMENT. THEN THE PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUA-TIONS WITHIN THE USSR, PRC, ETC., WILL DEVELOP.

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21. NIMETZ EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT TIME HAD RUN OUT. HE EMPHASIZED TWO POINTS IN CLOSING. FIRST, ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE SOVIET ATTITUDE IS VERY TROUBLING TO THE U.S. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF A FEW DISSIDENTS, BUT RATHER A MATTER OF HARASSMENT OF US JOUR-NALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN AND OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ONLY SEEKING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. SECONDLY, HE REFERRED TO DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS, ON WHICH HE STATED THAT THE US IS MOVING IN A VERY SERIOUS WAY. THE ADMINI-STRATION IS VERY HOPEFUL THAT AN AGREEMENT ON SALT MAY BE REACHED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

22. NIMETZ CONCLUDED THAT THE FACT THAT THE GROUP WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE ITS AGENDA TESTIFIED TO THE NEED FOR SUCH EXCHANGES ON A MORE FREQUENT BASIS. VANCE

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